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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Atsushi YOKOUCHI, Youichi MATSUMOTO, Kenichi ISO,  
Kouichi HACHIYA, Hideki KOIZUMI, and Michiharu NAKA  
ROLLING BEARING  
**Assignee: NSK LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q68888

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/254,172 filed March 2, 1999 of Atsushi YOKOUCHI, Youichi MATSUMOTO, Kenichi ISO, Kouichi HACHIYA, Hideki KOIZUMI, and Michiharu NAKA entitled ROLLING BEARING, which is a 371 of PCT/JP98/02891 filed June 26, 1998.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 2 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1764.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P. Hei. 9-190761	July 2, 1997
Japan	P. Hei. 9-284258	October 2, 1997

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/254,172.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Independent claims	4 - 3	=	1	x	\$84.00	=	\$84.00
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A check for the statutory fee of \$824.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any

